

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response After Final Rejection

This Amendment is filed solely to address the only outstanding rejection, and as discussed below, it raises no new issues and places the application in condition for allowance.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-34, 37-40, 60 and 61 are pending.

Claims 13, 18, 32, 40 and 60 have been amended.

Claims 13, 18, 32, 40 and 60 have been amended (in the exact same manner as Claim 1 was amended in the prior Amendment A filed August 8, 2008) to recite that Y is selected independently for monomers 1a and 1b. Support for the amendment is found, for example, in the specification at page 8, structures 1a and 1b, and page 9 structures 1a and 1b. As seen from the reaction scheme q can vary from 0, 1, 2, and 3 to give different monomers for 1a; q can vary from 0, 1, 2, and 3 to give different monomers for 1b. Further, page 13, line 22-24 of the specification states that a mixture of grafting monomers could be used in the polymerization process. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections: 35 USC § 112, second paragraph

In page 2, paragraph 1 of the Office Action, Claims 13-34, 37-40, 60 and 61 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, for the reasons of record. Applicant regrets and apologizes for the oversight of not amending Claims 13, 18, 32, 40 & 60 in the same manner as Claim 1 in the prior Amendment A filed August 8, 2008.

In page 2, paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that Claims 13-34, 37-40, 60 and 61 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph rejection.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowable subject matter, and note that, upon entry of this Amendment B, the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph rejection will have been overcome and the application will be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, removal of the rejection and allowance of Claims 13-34, 37-40, 60 and 61 is respectfully requested.

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